

Crossroads CLBI NEWSLETTER



**A LOOK INTO
LIFE AFTER CLBI**

**CONNECTING OUR
FAITH, MENTAL HEALTH,
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January 1

God, we pray for pastors. Give them wisdom, strength, and your compassion for people. Give them strength and insight as they preach. Keep their focus on Jesus as they minister in the power of your Spirit.

January 2

Heavenly Father, raise up a vision in the families of the Church to send their young people to CLBI. Grant them an awareness of the importance of their children getting a strong bible school foundation for life.

January 3

Heavenly Father, we pray for those in our student body who we know are struggling as the holidays come to an end. Make them aware that you are with them. Guide them, bring them hope, and give them the ability to trust you and rest in in your peace.

January 4

Heavenly Father, we pray for the families of our students as they end the holidays and go their separate ways. May they remain thankful for the time together and be refreshed by your presence as they go back to work and school.

January 5

Heavenly Father, bless the students returning to CLBI. Give them a fresh vision for the new year and an anticipation of what is to come. Bless them and open their hearts and minds for another season of learning your word.

January 6

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Engage students. Open their hearts and minds to learn. Give wisdom and your anointing to their instructor, Seth Flick. Pour out your Spirit and your power on this time of learning.

2020 CLBI IMPACT

INTENTIONAL MINISTRY PRAYER AND CULTURAL TRAINING

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**OUR CULTURAL PRISON IS A
COMFORTABLE PLACE TO BE.**

- SHERWOOD G. LINGENFELTER

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In May I was standing on a street corner in Nepal with my friends, waiting for a ride to visit some local churches. While we were waiting, a lady approached me and handed me some warm food wrapped in newspaper. I thanked her and she was gone. As I unwrapped the gift and shared it with my friends I asked my travel mentor what this gift might have meant. My mentor has taught me that everything means something and that I just don't know what it means yet. The discomfort of not knowing the meaning set in.

When we try to enter into other cultures, we experience emotional stress and relational strain with ourselves and others. This is why most of us attempt to surround ourselves with people similar to us. During IMPACT preparations, I ask the

students to look at our own culture, other cultures, and how scripture informs culture. I also challenge them to let their discomfort be a launching point to reflect on our worldview and how scripture may be challenging us to reevaluate what we once thought was "normal".

This winter, 18 of our students and 5 alumni, including myself, will travel to 4 countries, all with many different cultures. The IMPACT teams will experience stress as they navigate social situations, transportation, respect and honour, and many other aspects of culture. Please pray for them as they struggle to leave their cultural prison and dive into the struggle of being global Christians.

For more information about IMPACT or to receive IMPACT prayer cards please email impact@clbi.edu



Tamara MacInnis currently lives in Camrose, AB, and has been the Director of IMPACT at CLBI since 2018.



(Not in photo:
Derrick
Boulianne)

We are Team East Asia. First off we have our alumni team leader Derrick from St. Paul, Ashley from Camrose area, Aaron from St Albert, Donald from California, Grace from Camrose, Laken from Camrose, Kaylee from New Norway, and Celia from Beaumont.

As second years, we are focused on leadership and missions this year. The IMPACT trip is one of the big things we were all looking forward to when coming back. IMPACT stands for Intentional Ministry, Prayer, And Cultural Training. It is a month-long missions trip to give us a taste as to what missions is, and if it's something we feel called to do.

The eight of us will be heading to East Asia this January for our trip! While there, we'll be traveling across the globe on a mission trip where we will serve, learn, teach, and grow with the communities we meet. Our time in Asia will be primarily spent in a local coffee shop's English club. We will be spending time chatting and playing

board games with customers, as well as making connections with the people we meet.

Our prayer requests:

- For God to soften our hearts to this ministry and people in East Asia.
- For health and safety while we travel and serve.
- For renewed energy each day and for rest (both sleep and down time).
- For unity as a team.
- For our hosts and their ministries.
- Language barrier, as we attempt to communicate well.
- For deep/real relationships to be built; that we can ask good questions, be fully present there.
- To be safely vulnerable while sharing our hearts
- That we will have FUN and learn lots from our experience!

- Team East Asia (Ashley, Derrick, Aaron, Donald, Grace, Laken, Kaylee, & Celia)



Have you ever felt like nothing is going right and you don't even know which way to go or what to try next? With its ups and downs, that pretty much sums up the IMPACT program for us this year.

Some days it seems as though nothing is going right, specifically with our team. Initially, we were going to Kenya, and then Mexico, and then Lethbridge, and now we actually aren't sure where we will be going.

We had some issues getting a passport, which means we have to stay in Canada. We have also been trying to put something meaningful together and it just doesn't seem to be working out.

Sabrina, my teammate, and I (Tamara, Director of IMPACT) have been meeting together to get to know each other and pray throughout the ups and downs of planning IMPACT this semester. Each time I ask Sabrina how she is taking the changes she responds with something meaningful

that reminds me that we are to let go and trust God.

Although we may not know where we are going or what we will be doing, we are trusting that God will meet us in this uncomfortable experience filled with disappointment, constant change, and an unknown future.

Please join us in praying for clarity as we search for a place to serve.

- *Team Canada (Tamara & Sabrina)*



As much as we have all loved the CLBI journey, it is exciting to begin preparations for our cross cultural venture far from home, and to be welcomed into homes by our family in Christ. Our team has a common love for Jesus and a determination to follow His calling all the way to Nepal with faith, love, and many shenanigans. The team going to Nepal consists of Amy, James, Josh, Molly, Avi, Shalayne, and Julie (our team leader).

The preparation for IMPACT and the trip itself are perfect opportunities to implement what we've learned. IMPACT provides an opportunity for us to travel across the world to a different country for one month. This gives us a chance to experience different cultures and learn what God is up to within these places. The goal is to help us become global learners in the body of Christ.

Nepal is a thin strip of land sandwiched between China and India,

and is known for the Himalayas and the eight biggest mountains in the world, including Mount Everest. Though it is a diverse place, most of its people come from India but share a lot of food and traditions from China.

We ask (as you are able) to lift our team up in prayer as we prepare and experience our trip to Nepal.

- For rest and energy.
- For safety and comfort in travel.
- That we will be a blessing to our missionary hosts, Paul and Becky Hagen.
- For the Christian church in Nepal, it's quite young.
- For blessings in our interactions with the youth at the churches we visit.
- For our visits to the Christian NGOs, the groups that dedicate their work to benefit the marginalized groups of people in Nepal.

- *Team Nepal (James, Josh, Molly, Avi, Shalayne, Amy, & Julie)*



Hej! (hello!) We're team Sweden from CLBI. Our team consists of leader Matt from Stettler, Karis from Killam, Christian from California, Lauren from Camrose, Jemma from Okotoks, and Jesse from Prince Albert.

The IMPACT trip is a big part of our second-year program here at CLBI. The main goal of IMPACT is to gain an appreciation for the global church on a larger scale, and to make connections with people who are loving the people in their community.

Teams of 5-6 students (plus CLBI alumni) embark on a month-long trip to various countries, living with people who will help us to gain an even greater appreciation for their country. While on IMPACT, we get opportunities to connect with others as well as give back to the communities around us.

Sweden is a beautiful country located in northern Europe, and is known for its beautiful landscapes, and for being one of the most secular countries in

the world. The largest religion in Sweden is Christianity, but members of the Church of Sweden have been steadily declining for the past four decades. Just last year the Swedish government moved to outlaw all religious schools within the country. We are excited to enter into a culture that considers religion a private matter and to discover what ministry looks like within that context.

As we think ahead, plan, and excitedly prepare for this experience, we would greatly appreciate your prayers.

- Safety in travel.
- Team dynamics & communication
- Physical health.
- The ability to effectively form connections.
- That God's love and grace would flow through us.

- *Team Sweden (Matt, Karis, Christian, Lauren, Jemma, and Jesse)*

YOUTH SURGE 2020

YOUTH SURGE IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO HELP TEENS MAKE A RELATIONAL CONNECTION TO CLBI & LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE OUT A REAL FAITH.

Increased connections raise the probability that they will attend after high school. Parents, it is time to book the flight or plan the road trip. ***Your kids are worth it!***

WHEN

March 27-29, 2019

Registration opens at 6:00pm

WHERE

CLBI Campus

4837 52A Street, Camrose AB.

WHO CAN ATTEND

High school aged youth

Youth who are currently in grades 9 - 12

(To inquire about the age of a potential registrant, contact the CLBI office at 780-672-4454)

COST

\$60 Early Bird Discount (final day March 13)

\$75 Regular Registration (after March 13)

- All programming, facilities, meals, etc. are included in the registration costs.

HOW TO REGISTER

www.clbi.edu/surge

For any questions or concerns contact us at 780-672-4454 or info@clbi.edu

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January 7

Heavenly Father, we pray for Jaime in food services at CLBI. Bless, guide and protect her as she does her work. We also pray for the anniversary she and Victor will be celebrating. Bless them as they celebrate and look forward to more years serving you.

January 8

Heavenly Father, we pray for the IMPACT students and Sonja Dixon as she instructs. May your Spirit give insight to the students, and anoint Sonja as she teaches. Make your word alive as your Spirit works in the students to build them up in their faith.

January 9

Heavenly Father, we pray for Kim Rostad as she celebrates her birthday. Give her joy and time to rest in you. Strengthen her, cover her with your protection and lead her in her ongoing walk of faith with her family and friends as she serves you.

January 10

Heavenly Father, we pray for the CLBI board members. Protect them from the attacks of the enemy. Give them wisdom and strengthen their vision for this ministry. Build strong relationships among the board members and staff of CLBI and give them unity.

January 11

Heavenly Father, we pray for all CLBI alumni. Remind them of the relationships they built, how powerful their time here was, and how it has impacted their lives. For those who may have forgotten about CLBI, help us reconnect so they may continue to connect with this ministry.

January 12

Heavenly Father, we pray for the next generation of CLBI supporters. Show them the needs of CLBI and help them see the importance of helping. Thank you, Lord, that you will raise them up.

January 13

Heavenly Father, we pray for Tannin Zinger. Pour out your Spirit on Tannin and bless her on her birthday. Give her deep and powerful insight into your love for her and your dependability as she learns to trust you and follow your lead in her life.

January 14

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Engage class and its instructor. Anoint the instructor and give insight to the students. Deepen foundations of faith in each student through this teaching and lead them in bringing application to what they learn.

January 15

Heavenly Father, we pray for the IMPACT teams. James 1:22-25 says that the doer of the word gets the blessing. Lead the teams in being doers of your word as they engage the teaching they have received. Give them your protection and provision.

January 16

Heavenly Father, we pray that you raise up missionaries among the students of CLBI. Give them a passion to take the gospel to the far ends of the earth, as you gave that passion to the early Apostles. Open opportunities, provide finances and give them a focused calling to new cultures and peoples.

January 17

Holy Father, we pray for the calling to ministry among the students at CLBI. May the passion to share your word burn in their hearts the way it did in the early disciples as the Holy Spirit was poured out on them.

January 18

Heavenly Father, we pray for safe travel for the IMPACT teams. May the blood of Christ be over their journey. Protect them, connect their flights, and go ahead of them as they travel.

January 19

Heavenly Father, we pray you will give CLBI favor with the city of Camrose. Open opportunities for CLBI to be a blessing to the city. Build relationships between city leadership and the leadership of CLBI.

January 20

Heavenly Father, we pray for Daniela Salinas on her birthday. Pour out your Spirit on her and deepen her walk with you. Bless her relationships at CLBI, with her family, and her friends. Thank you for what she brings to our school.

January 21

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Engage class and the Instructors (Kevin McClure and Grace Johnson). Anoint them with your Spirit as they teach and give the students insight as they learn and apply what they learn.

January 22

Heavenly Father, we pray for Sabrina Dickens on her birthday. Pour your love into her and bless her relationships at CLBI and at home. Lead her as she grows in her relationship with you and show her your love.

January 23

Heavenly Father, we pray for the CLBI+ event. Pour out your spirit on Kevin McClure as he speaks. Give him your word to share and speak through him to the hearts and minds of those who come to the event. Use him to convict, call and draw people to you in surrender and trust.

January 24

Heavenly Father, we pray for Elsy MacInnis on her birthday. You know her needs. Bless her in the way she needs your blessing today. Demonstrate your love in her and draw her deeper in relationship to you and in her relationships at CLBI.

January 25

Heavenly Father, we pray for the students who are waiting to hear about employment or educational opportunities. Give them favor with those who make those decisions. You are our provider and we trust you.

January 26

Heavenly Father, we pray for the ongoing financial support of CLBI. Bless our donors for their participation in this ministry. Speak to your people about what you want them to give to provide for the financial needs of the ministry of CLBI.

January 27

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Engage class and the instructors, Mark and Jessica Hagen. Anoint Mark and Jessica as they teach. Pour out your Spirit on students and give them insight in learning and growth.

January 28

Heavenly Father, we pray for our farm community. Provide them good weather and the moisture they need for the new season. Give them productive time, good prices as they look to sell the rest of their grain from last season, and for rest in the off season.

January 29

Heavenly Father, we pray for the volunteers that are so much a part of this ministry. Thank you for those who have helped in the past, and we pray for new volunteers who will continue to pour into CLBI. Provide for their needs as they serve you in this way.

January 30

Heavenly Father, we pray for the repairs and maintenance of the facility at CLBI. You know our ongoing needs. Provide the money and workers we need. Bless our maintenance staff as they do their work and protect their health.



LIFE

AFTER CLBI

BY PASTOR NICK JOYAL ('07-'11 CLBI ALUMNI)



MY NAME IS NICK JOYAL. I'M A CHRISTIAN! I'M ALSO A PASTOR, HUSBAND, FATHER, HIP-HOP PRODUCER, AND CLBI ALUMNI. I WAS ASKED TO WRITE ABOUT THE QUESTION OF MINISTRY AFTER CLBI (BUT NOT FROM THE PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE), SO HERE IT GOES!



We could talk about what life *does* look like, but a good number of us rather want to know if it's supposed to look a certain way. *What am I supposed to be doing? What is God's will for me? How do I figure out where I fit into God's work in the world outside of CLBI? Do I need to be a pastor? Am I supposed to join a mission organization? Should I be doing a mini urban hike every other weekend?*

"WHAT DO YOU DO ON A DAILY OR WEEKLY BASIS?"

Maybe you've asked questions like these, or even the same exact questions. They're good questions to ask! However, I am going to suggest an answer to them that you may or may not like.

Take a few moments, while you're reading this perhaps, to make a little inventory of what you regularly do. What do you do on a daily or weekly basis? Where do you do it? Who does it with you? This will include your work,

whether at home or a nine-to-five job. This would also include other regular/routine things (groceries, extra curricular activities, hobbies, etc).

Got it?

"IT ISN'T FLASHY. IT ISN'T SPECTACULAR. IT'S BEAUTIFULLY ORDINARY AND VERY GOOD."

That's what life and ministry can look like after CLBI. Whatever it is you *regularly do* (whether you 'have to', or 'get to'), is exactly what God would have you do. The normal, mundane, routine life you live is how God does His work. It isn't flashy. It isn't spectacular. It's beautifully ordinary and very good.

The basis for this, as I understand it, can be found all throughout scripture. It is summarized nicely, though, in *the Apostles Creed, the Lords Prayer, and the 10 Commandments* (reference Luther's Small Catechism).

In the First Article of the Apostle's Creed, we confess that God our Father is the Maker of heaven and earth. This means "God has created me and all that exists. He has given to me (and still sustains) my body and soul, my senses and all my members, my reason, and all the powers of my soul."

In the Fourth Petition of the Lords Prayer, we pray that God would 'give us this day our daily bread.' "Daily bread" is not merely bread; *it is*

everything you ever need in every area of life! We know that God does in fact give us our daily bread; we're even encouraged not to stress whether or not it will come.

In the 9th and 10th Commandments we are commanded to not covet anything that has been given to our neighbor. The flip side of that coin, as Luther points out in the Small Catechism, is to help our neighbor protect and keep what God has chosen to give to them. God does all of this, and *he does it through means*; God does His work in the world through us!

God provides 'daily bread' through the regular 'stuff' he's given us to do every day. He sustains all that he has made by the ordinary workings of every day life that we take for granted. God cares for His creation through the crown of His creation... you! He designed His created world to work a certain way, put you in it, and (remember) he said it was "very good."

When you bag groceries at the store, you are doing something very good, through which God does His work. From the farmers all the way to those who bag the groceries (there are a lot of people involved), God provides daily bread. Maybe you're married and have children – God uses you to provide daily bread for your family when you buy the groceries and load your cart from the one who bagged them! Now apply that to everything we need in every area of life.

In the ordinary workings of life, through you, God does His work. It doesn't have to be special, it doesn't

have to be spectacular – it's exactly how God would have it. Now maybe you've read this and thought, "That sounds fine I guess, but I want to know where God is calling me – I want to know His will for my life!" I can relate.

I wish God wrote down a little individual Bible for me that details His plan for my life specifically. Much to my frustration, he didn't. The Triune God, in His immeasurable love, sovereignty, and grace for us, chose to give only His Word, the Holy Bible (and it doesn't mention me in a single verse). That is incredibly freeing.

God's will for us is that we come to the knowledge of the truth (*1 Tim 2:4*), trust in Jesus Christ (*John 20:31*), and abide in His Word (*John 15:1-11*).

You don't have to search or discover an all-important calling on your life. You don't have to search or discover an identity. These have been given to you freely. You don't even have to live for an identity or calling, you can live *from* the identity and calling you've been given.

Now maybe you just read that and thought, "That's exactly what I want to know! What's the calling God has given me?" Well... you'll want to make sure you grab the next edition of Crossroads for "Life after CLBI Part 2".



Nick is the pastor at Living Hope Lutheran Church in Beaumont, AB. He & his wife Demara have two kids: Grace (age 3), & Marvin (age 1).

January 31

Heavenly Father, we pray for the CLBI board. Thank you for the commitment and wisdom you have given them. Continue to call new board members, give them wisdom in their work and family lives, and give them unity as they do important work for CLBI.

February 1

Lord we pray that students who are feeling called back to CLBI will experience your presence as they make this decision. Be with them in their journey; and whether they return or not, we pray that they could better their understanding of Christ.

February 2

God we thank you for the alumni who you have chosen to take on ministry roles. We pray for safety and guidance for these alumni and we ask that they would be able to help others as you have called them.

February 3

Dear Lord, we lift up the Engage class and ask that you lead the students to where they are supposed to be. We pray for Instructor Dave Van Roon and for guidance and wisdom as he instructs the students.

February 4

Heavenly Father, we lift up those who do not have homes, and we pray for safety over them. Even in times of trouble, help them find you. We pray for people to open their hearts and their homes to those who need it most.

February 5

God we ask that you would work within the IMPACT teams and help them build strong relationships with each other so that they can make an impact on others.

February 6

Dear Lord, we thank you for your guidance, and we pray for grade 12

students who are in their final semester. Give them motivation as they study, and help them with their futures. Help and guide them to the next step of their lives.

February 7

Dear God, we thank you for your call and we pray that we would take time out of our day to be with you. Help us focus on the good influences in our lives in order to answer your call.

February 8

Dear God, please give guidance to those applying for camps, and guide the hiring committees so they might pick not only those who will benefit the camp community, but also who would be transformed in their own faith during the summer.

February 9

Heavenly Father, bless all of your children within the CLBI community. Thank you for all that you have given us and the blessings of our children. Guide our hearts to be servant-like throughout our days, and help us to care for each other in your name.

February 10

Lord, we pray for the Engage class as they study financial principles. Help them use their knowledge and apply it to their daily lives. We also pray for instructor Jeremy Osterwalder as he leads them in those lessons.

February 11

Dear God, thank you for all the students and staff who have had the chance to attend CLBI and greatly express your word to others. Give them guidance and time for their devotions as they spend time with you, our Lord.

February 12

Dear God, we pray for peace and stability through our busy lives. Help us find time to talk to you in stressful and difficult times.



FAITH, MENTAL HEALTH, & THE LIVES WE LIVE

BY: Dixie Vandersluys, M.A., C.C.C.

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I DON'T THINK OF THE CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL, & EMOTIONAL AS DIFFERENT.

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It was June of 2018 and I was in the throes of my first experience with physical symptoms of anxiety and what my doctor described as burnout. I was having shortness of breath and heart palpitations; I couldn't focus my thoughts or express my words well. My doctor told me I needed 10 days away from my everyday life. A few days later I hugged my husband and kids and boarded a plane to spend several days in Vancouver — I slept on my brother's sofa, went to a stage show of *Mamma Mia*, journaled and slept a lot, and saw my therapist. The above quotation was hers. What she meant was she didn't distinguish between what was going on in my physical body, emotions, thoughts, and my every day life at the time. They were all connected. In fact, they *are* all connected.

**"...I JUST DID NOT HAVE THE
CAPACITY TO ENGAGE ANYMORE."**

My anxiety didn't appear in a vacuum that June. It resulted from a combination of factors in my personal, professional, and relational (family, friends, and church) life. It was "the perfect storm", and it impacted my mind (the thoughts I had about myself, my value, others, and God), my body (the things I did, my energy and

motivation levels, the ways I numbed overwhelming feelings), my emotions (how frequently and ferociously I felt them), and how I engaged or disengaged from relationships (not necessarily because I wanted to, but because I just did not have the capacity to engage anymore).

That right there is the key to it all, I think. I may have wanted to engage with things, but I no longer had the capacity to do it. I was at Costco in the first few days after the anxiety hit. I normally thrive on getting in and out of Costco in the most efficient way possible. Not that day. I had to take it so slowly and with my husband's help. I vividly remember moving things from the cart to the checkout counter and having heart palpitations from anxiety. I knew in my mind there was nothing to be anxious about. I knew this was normally one of my favorite activities. Yet my body was in full-blown anxiety-mode.

Psalm 139:14 says, *"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."* We have minds that think and imagine. We have bodies with hands that create what we imagine. We have relationships where we experience feelings of love and trust, hatred and fear. We have spirits that connect us to God our Father and creator, Jesus his Son who offers us grace as we are, and the Holy Spirit who promises to be our ever-present comforter. You can't really separate any of those things.

When we encounter Christ and His love, our spirits change. The thoughts

we have about ourselves, others, and the future of this world change. Our bodies live differently. We even feel differently. *"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:7). See how the verse connects our emotions, spirit and thoughts?!

"...WHY WAS I STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF COSTCO HAVING HEART PALPITATIONS?"

So, if all those parts of ourselves are connected and God's grace and goodness can impact each part, then why, as a follower of Jesus and a mental health professional, was I standing in the middle of Costco having heart palpitations?

Because all of these parts of us are human. Our bodies break and age. Our relationships are far from perfect. Our thoughts run the gamut from holy to hideous. And so it is with our emotions. Feeling anxious doesn't make me non-Christian. Not feeling anxious would make me nonhuman! God gave us anxiety as protective mechanism so we are aware of and can react when there is danger. And just like all of the other parts of ourselves, our emotions can miss the mark, misinterpret, over-react, and sometimes under-react (which isn't helpful either).

In June 2018, I slowed down and listened to my anxiety. I tried to figure out what it was showing me. I discovered that anxiety was running the show in many areas of my life: what I did, thought, and how I

interacted with others. When I observed that, I was able to step back and thoughtfully decide whether those anxious feelings were accurate to those circumstances. Then I invited Christ to come in and remind me of what he says about me, to turn my thoughts and actions to His truth. And I kept practicing that over and over again. In time, not only my emotions, but my thoughts, behaviors, relationships, and spirit changed, too. They all began to heal because they were all equally a part of the emotion to begin with!

Some days it would be nice to separate the parts of ourselves. It would be nice to take a break from a broken body, a difficult relationship, or a crummy mood, but we can't, and I'm not sure God would want us to either. He has made us with all of these parts and wants to redeem them all. Seeing our mental health and emotional life as a God-given gift that connects with every aspect of who we are is an opportunity to grow deeper into the abundant life Christ offers. We are fearfully and wonderfully made.



Dixie received a Master of Arts in Counseling from Providence Theological Seminary in April 2014. Since then she has been doing counselling work,

including three trips to Ecuador to counsel women of the indigenous Kichwa community. Currently, Dixie takes great pleasure in counselling students at CLBI. They are the highlight of her week!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

NEVIN ('86-'87) & CINDY (SORGEN) EGGUM ('88)



(L to R: Tyson, Jayden, Cindy, & Nevin Eggum)

I (Nevin) attended CLBI starting in September of 1986 and I took a few classes the following year. Cindy started there in January of 1988 and took some classes the following year as well. We started dating after spending the summer of 1988 working at a camp (Metochos Bible Camp) in Saskatchewan together.

We have 2 boys together: Tyson, who lives in Kamloops and works throughout western Canada, and Jayden who currently attends CLBI. I also have a daughter, Jess, who we were reunited with after she turned 18

and wanted to find me. Now we have Jess, her husband Lain, and the Foshaug's in our lives as well. That story in itself is a remarkable journey with God's hand all over it.



**Nevin
(1986)**



**Cindy
(1988)**

Cindy works as a nurse and has a passion for looking after her friends and patients. She has an endless amount of energy for friends and family, along with the strong desire to introduce them to Christ if they aren't already in a relationship with Him. I have been working as a carpenter since our kids were born.

Raising our kids to have a strong faith and trying to show them that God has a purpose for them and their lives has been our main focus for the past 23 years. Everything else in our lives took a back seat to trying to show our kids that God loves us, warts and all, and wants us to always seek out a relationship with him.

The friendships we made while in Camrose have sustained us through all the years since then. It was a major 'aha' moment as we looked back and saw the transition into a Christ-filled community of friends. We are still very close friends with so many people from our time there.

There are way too many crazy stories to even narrow it down. Dance parties, toga parties, touring North America in the 'Love Tomato' van with Crossection, wrestling with so many decisions where we had to depend fully on God's goodness. Setting aside that period of time in Camrose to try and listen to what God was wanting us to learn as young people is something we will never regret. It shaped our lives as a married couple and family in ways that would be impossible to understand. God promises that His word will never go out and come back void and we believe that. There have

been seasons full of happiness, seasons of huge growth, seasons of disappointment and doubt and seasons of waiting, and waiting... but God has been good to us by blessing us with so much. Friends, family, jobs, community and His amazing Grace.

February 13

God, bless the second year students as they go out and help the community by preaching the Gospel. Bless the people doing this service and help them spread your word.

February 14

Dear God, today we ask you to please be with Derrick Boulianne on his birthday. Give him have a day filled with love and joy.

February 15

Lord we thank you for the IMPACT team and for the missionary work they have done. We pray for safe travels and for the opportunity to serve you and spread the word of God. Amen

February 16

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the surrounding church communities and for their support of CLBI. We pray that they continue to grow and thrive.

February 17

Lord we lift up families of all types. We pray that they can use this day to come together and grow in their relationships.

February 18

Thank you God for the Engage students at CLBI. We pray that they will be able to come together to expand their knowledge of the Bible and find Your direction for their lives.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pastor Dean Rostad - President

“ **HAVE YOU EVER BEEN
IN A HARD SPOT THAT LEFT YOU
FEELING HOPELESS?** ”

I hate times like these, yet I recognize that challenges are part of being human: troubles at work, tensions with family life, conflict at church, health complications. These can be seasons where we question ourselves and God's plan, and *we can feel forgotten*.

The Christmas story is one about a people in a hard spot. The children of Israel are living under the oppression of a brutal foreign empire; the title of "a people of promise" did not fit their day-to-day reality. I have never

experienced trials like theirs, but I can only imagine the hopelessness that accompanied it.

In the 3rd chapter of Matthew, John the Baptist appears out in the backcountry shouting a message of hope... or a message to prepare for hope. *"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."* I wonder how this message was received? People were hungry for hope, they craved a new day, but did they allow themselves to believe John, to believe that a new day could actually come?

The church of Jesus Christ is at a significant crossroads. The challenges of secularism have left many churches empty and too many parents watching

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their kids leave active faith in Jesus behind. Sadly, hope seems to have left the building.

Here are some bold words of hope that you and I need to believe. In Matthew 28:20, Jesus promises us *"I am with you always, to the very end of the age"*. Has Jesus broken His word to us? *NO, he has not!*

"THE LONG-TERM IMPACT OF THIS SHIFT AT CLBI IS GOING TO BE MASSIVE!"

I am writing to you from the middle of a spiritual battle. God is transforming CLBI into a place where the Bible is taught, lifelong friends are made, AND students are taught how to intentionally disciple others.

Jesus has not left us; he is walking with us to help students to become confident and resilient disciple-makers. The long-term impact of this shift at CLBI is going to be massive! These leaders will help shape the church and create hope wherever there is darkness.

LET US PREPARE FOR HOPE THAT IS COMING!

In Christmas, the light of Jesus breaks into darkness. Thank you for enabling CLBI to exist. Without your gifts, your prayers, and the students you send, CLBI would close its doors. I invite you to pray with me, *"God, provide everything you need for CLBI to fulfill its purpose in your Kingdom. Prepare the next generation to take up your torch in becoming radical disciple-makers."*

HOW CAN I SUPPORT CLBI?

- ▶ Through prayer & donations!!
- ▶ Donate online: clbi.edu/give
- ▶ E-Transfer: finance@clbi.edu

For more info call **780.672.4454** or finance@clbi.edu or visit clbi.edu/give

February 19

We pray for opportunities for any international students who would like to attend CLBI. Provide them with the means to come to CLBI and worship you.

February 20

We pray for the students and facilitators of the CLBI plus event, that many people would attend and that they would be blessed by it.

February 21

We pray for good weather for the winter campout. Watch over them and keep them safe. Provide them with the experience of connecting with each other and with your creation.

February 22

Dear God, thank you for the kitchen staff at CLBI and the work they do. Help them know they are appreciated. Bless the food they prepare and bless all those who eat it. Amen.

February 23

Dear Lord, please bless Judite Vold on her birthday. Give her a good day, a good year and keep her safe in her adventures at CLBI. Help her to be a disciple who makes more disciples.

February 24

Almighty God, please bless the work that Boyd Hopkins does, and open the minds and hearts of his students to the lessons he teaches. Help his students find their God-given purpose through this class.

February 25

Heavenly Father, please bless Ted Hill on his birthday and thank you for the work he does at CLBI. Thank you for Dean and Kim Rostad and bless their marriage on their anniversary.

February 26

Dear God, thank you for everyone at CLBI. Please bless the school and continue to call students of all ages to

attend and help the school grow.

February 27

Dear Jesus, please bless Laken Biletski on her birthday. Give Laken wisdom and strength throughout her school year in the IMPACT program and bless the work she does.

February 28

Father, thank you for all the staff who have served at CLBI. Please help them continue to serve you wherever life may take them. Amen.

February 29

Loving Father, thank you for every student who has attended CLBI. Bless the work they do in the world and help them to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ everywhere they go.

March 1

Lord Jesus we give thanks for the short-term staff members at CLBI. They have been so willing to step into many of the roles necessary to make CLBI truly a school of discipleship. Guide them as they consider where you want them to serve in the future.

March 2

Heavenly Father, bring growth into the lives of each student as they share their talents and their stories on their discipleship tour. Help them to see your Holy Spirit at work in all the situations they encounter this week.

March 3

God, our Provider, help us trust the words of Paul from 2 Corinthians 9:8 and have confidence that you will supply all that is needed at CLBI.

March 4

God, Camrose has been blessed with many coffee shops and restaurants. As students gather in these places, open their eyes to see how they can extend genuine fellowship beyond themselves, and give them courage to include others in their faith walk.

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March 5

Father, may those students who are far from home sense your loving presence at CLBI. Fill their days with peace, authentic community, and with a sense of purpose at Bible School.

March 6

Emmanuel, God with us, do your marvelous work through all who mentor students at CLBI. Help them to listen to, care for, and love each other, and remind them that you will never leave them or forsake them.

March 7

During the weeks when classes are taught, instructors leave their families and their communities of faith in order to pour into the lives of students. Take care of their families and congregation so they can focus on the task at hand with peace and joy.

March 8

"My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him." (Ps.62:1). We ask that students seeking rest this weekend will find it in you. Let your peace that surpasses all understanding fill their hearts today.

March 9

Happy birthday Brody Hagen (son of Jes and Mark – CLBI director of Operations). Jesus, fill him with the joy that comes in trusting you. Bless him with the security that comes with a family who lives in your grace.

March 10

Spirit of Truth, we pray that you would empower Sean Blomquist to teach Living Discipleship this week to all the CLBI students in a way that engages them and leads them in a deeper walk of loving service for Jesus Christ.

[CLBI PLUS  PRESENTS]

(YOU ARE MOVING) (BUT WHERE?)

DO THE MATH

($P = MV$)

JAN 23 **VELOCITY** [LUKE 14:21-23 / KEVIN MCLURE]
= d/t

FEB 20 **FRICTION** [LUKE 14:18-20 / TBD]
= $u \cdot N$

MAR 26 **MOMENTUM** [JOHN 20:22 / KENDRA DIEHL]
= $m \cdot v$

FOR MORE INFO CHECK OUT CLBI.EDU/CLBIPLUS

March 11

Jesus Christ, prepare the way for new staff to accept the call to serve at the school. Whether part-time, full-time, or as instructors, each year involves transition, so Jesus may you provide gifted disciples to come on board.

March 12

Heavenly Father, we pray for the relationships between students and staff, that they would grow stronger throughout the remainder of the school year and that these relationships would be a blessing for years to come.

March 13

With so many post secondary options, some question the importance of discipleship training at CLBI. Jesus, make the value of this experience evident through what parents see in their children at Bible School.

March 14

Weekends can be both relaxing and tiring for students and staff. Father, help each one make wise choices so they would experience renewal and refreshment during these important days each week.

March 15

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity." (Psalm 133:1) Jesus, we pray that the relationships built at CLBI would be a blessing to individuals and whole congregations for a lifetime.

March 16

Father, we pray for your blessing on Joshua Mah as he celebrates his birthday today, and as he follows Jesus, your Son, throughout the year ahead.

March 17

Lord, as the student body studies the

book of Galatians this week as taught by Kevin McClure and Grace Johnson, we pray for your Spirit to guide each one to discover anew that they've "been crucified with Christ and ...it's Christ who lives within them!"

March 18

We pray that you would bless Andrew Slind today, O God, as he celebrates his birthday. Fill his heart with "the joy of your salvation and grant him a willing spirit to sustain him." (Ps 51:10)

March 19

After the long dark days of winter, the warm sunlight of spring cannot come fast enough. Jesus, light of the world, help students see the hope that the Gospel brings into even the most dismal of times and fill them with anticipation for the miracle of Easter!

March 20

God of creation, help those who are planning Youth Surge to consider every detail, so that all who attend this retreat might be blessed through all the events of the weekend, seeing the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

March 21

Thank you God for all the businesses, both local and distant, who work with CLBI throughout the year. Inspire the staff and students of CLBI to present a clear testimony to your grace by their actions, words and business dealings.

March 22

Lord Jesus, thank you for the faithful service of Jaime Ocampos Hansen (Food Services). Provide all that she needs in mind, body, and spirit to be a joyful follower of Jesus and a devoted wife to Victor.

March 23

Ezekiel Jack celebrates his first birthday today! Father, may you bless him and his parents, Landon and Amy as they live and serve in the dorms.

May he one day return to CLBI as a student who knows and follows Jesus.

March 24

Lord of the Nations, bless Charles and Anita Jackson as they teach Introduction to World Mission to the Engage students this week. Thank you for the wonderful relationship that has existed between CLBI and WMPL over the years.

March 25

God, as Kendra Diehl teaches the IMPACT students, fill her with love for Jesus and the Word of God. Help the class to focus so they too may be caught up in your grace and love.

March 26

Kendra Diehl speaks at CLBI+ tonight. God, you have captivated her heart with love for you and have brought her through so much that she has so many blessed truths to share. Bring people to this event and fill them with a hope that only you can give through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

March 27

Lord, as Youth Surge begins tonight, fill the dorms with youth from near and far and may these students be blessed with teachings from your Word, worship that exalts Jesus as Lord, and relationships that are better than they've ever seen.

March 28

Jesus, you know how tiring this weekend can be for current CLBI students as they open their "home" to a lot of guests. Grant them patience, love and peace these days and help them share what you have done in their lives as a testimony to your amazing grace.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN 23

CLBI+ Event - "Velocity" (Kevin McClure)

- at CLBI (4837 - 52A Street, Camrose, AB)
- Free-will offering will be taken (see **pg. 24** for more details)

FEB 20

CLBI+ Event - "Friction"

- at CLBI (4837 - 52A Street, Camrose, AB)
- Free-will offering will be taken (see **pg. 24** for more details)

FEB 25

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

- at CLBI (4837 - 52A Street, Camrose, AB)
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm (Free-will offering will be taken)

MAR 26

CLBI+ Event - "Momentum" (Kendra Diehl)

- at CLBI (4837 - 52A Street, Camrose, AB)
- Free-will offering will be taken (see **pg. 24** for more details)

MAR 27

Youth Surge

- March 27-29, 2020 at CLBI (4837 - 52A Street, Camrose, AB)
- Youth grade 9 - 12
- All programming, facilities, meals, etc. are included in the registration costs. Early registration (\$60) ends MARCH 13.
- To register, check out www.clbi.edu/surge, or give our main office a call at **780-672-4454**

March 29

Holy Spirit, anoint the guest speaker at Youth Surge to clearly share the Gospel so that all who attend would be set free from bondage to sin. Show them the freedom of new life in Christ.

March 30

On Jayden Eggum's birthday, we ask Lord that you would bless him with love and joy as he shares this day in the community of CLBI. Help him to

finish the year with confidence and give him wisdom as he considers a second year of study.

March 31

Jesus, inspire Nathan Hoff as he teaches Biblical Leadership at CLBI this week. Fill him each day anew with your Spirit so that his heart and his mouth would overflow with joy-filled, sound teaching from your word. Thank you Lord for Nathan!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Erin Strand (2011-13) married Macalan Boniec-Jedras on October 7, 2018

Kayla (Leoppke, 2012-13) and Ethan (2012-13) Hamm had baby Nora Mae on June 22, 2019

Grace Iverson (2014-16) married Merrill Friesen June 23, 2019

Derek Rude (2014-15) married Tova Berg on July 13, 2019

Anika Asfeldt (2014-15) married Chad Chessall on September 6, 2019

Patti (Daniels, 2004-06) and Jordan Leurdijk had baby Aveline May on September 27, 2019

Annaliese (Neiman, 2009-11) and Kyler Nottveit (2007-09) had baby Wilder John on September 30, 2019

Kristine South (2012-14) married Erik Johanson on October 5, 2019

Carla (Hamm, 2003-04) and Adam Horatchka had baby Abigail Gertie Vera on October 7, 2019

Thomas (2006-07) and Tabitha Francis had baby Leon Gregory on October 11, 2019

Steven Minchau (2010-11) married Hannah Andrews on October 13, 2019

Sarah (Book, 2006-08) and Kjel Hagen (2004-06) had baby Silas Theodor on October 25, 2019

Kyle (2001-03) and Janna Halvorson had baby Owen Daniel on October 26, 2019

Derek and Jenna (Tysdal, 2010-13) Rhode had baby Everly Mae on November 25, 2019

Rebecca Bouma (2009-11) married Tyler McKibben on November 30, 2019

Mark (2001-05) & Sarah Kuntz had baby Belle on November 13, 2019

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